

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

Meeting of the Commission
August 14, 2013
11:30 a.m.

James R. Thompson Center
Murdock Room - IDHS
Suite 5-300
100 West Randolph Street
Chicago, IL 60601

and

Lincoln Land Training Center
130 W. Mason Street
Room 104
Springfield, Illinois

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Commissioners

In Chicago

Chairman Martin R. Castro
Marti Baricevic (via telephone)
Robert A. Cantone
David Chang
Terry Cosgrove
Nabi Fakroddin
Lauren Beth Gash
Rozanne Ronen
David J. Walsh
Diane M. Viverito
Patricia Bakalis Yadgir

In Springfield

None

Absent

Merri Dee

Staff

Reva Bauch
LaNade Bridges
Donyelle L. Gray
Evelio Mora
Christine Welninski

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Members of Public: None

NOTICE:

Public and closed meetings of the Illinois Human Rights Commission are audio-recorded.

I. Call to Order

On August 14, 2013 at 11:35 a.m., Chairman Martin R. Castro called to order a meeting of the Illinois Human Rights Commission.

Pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq., it was determined that:

- 1) A quorum of the public body was present at the meeting.
- 2) Prior to the meeting, Commissioner Merri Dee gave prior notice and good cause to the General Counsel and Secretary of the Public Body, Donyelle Gray, that she would be unable to attend the meeting, and would be absent.
- 3) Prior to the meeting, Commissioner Marti Baricevic gave notice to the General Counsel and Secretary of the Public Body, Donyelle Gray that she would be unable to be physically present at the meeting.
- 4) Commissioner Marti Baricevic requested to participate via telephone. A motion to allow Commissioner Baricevic to participate via telephone was made by Commissioner Nabi and seconded by Commissioner Cantone. Motion carried 10-0.

II. Consideration of Minutes

July 24, 2013

The Commission voted to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2013 meeting, as submitted by staff. Motion to approve the minutes of July 24, 2013 made by Commissioner Cosgrove and seconded by Commissioner Nabi. Motion carried 11-0.

III. Chairman's Report

Martin R. Castro, Chairman

Chairman Castro did not give a report for the August 14, 2013 meeting.

IV. Staff Reports

A. *N. Keith Chambers, Executive Director*

Mr. Chambers was in Springfield and was unable to be present. Prior to the meeting, Mr. Chambers submitted his written report to the Commission.

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B. Dr. Ewa I. Ewa, Chief Fiscal Officer

Dr. Ewa was in Springfield and unable to attend the August 14, 2013 meeting. No written report was submitted.

C. Michael J. Evans, Chief Administrative Law Judge

Chief Administrative Law Judge Evans gave the report for the activities of the Administrative Law Section for the month of August 2013.

D. Donyelle Gray, General Counsel

Ms. Gray gave general reminders and distributed Labor Law updates to the Commission.

Ms. Gray distributed to the Commissioner a proposed 2014 meeting calendar. Chairman Castro indicated he was still waiting to receive the calendar of his meeting dates with the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, so that he could check to make sure there would be no scheduling conflicts with the proposed 2014 calendar. So he asked the Commission if they could continue the consideration of the 2014 calendar to the September meeting. All Commissioners agreed by consensus to continue the matter to the September en banc meeting.

Ms. Gray announced that the new Coles Fellows will start their internships with the Commission in mid-September.

V. New Business

None

VI. Unfinished Business

None

VII. Executive Session

None

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 p.m. Motion made by Commissioner Nabi, seconded by Commissioner Ronen. Motion carried 11-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Donyelle L. Gray
General Counsel